

Memorandum

Date: July 22, 2015

To: Water Right Application Files 61-12096, 63-32499 and Transfer 78356

From: Jeff Peppersack



Re: Public Interest Review

The *Final Order Regarding Sufficiency of Supply*, dated November 4, 2013 for the applications in the I-84 corridor matter, included the following Conclusion of Law (no. 12):

The Director is still required to consider other elements under Idaho Code. In particular, limited supply of ground water combined with anticipated domestic and municipal growth in the I-84 corridor requires consideration of how the remaining ground water in the area should be beneficially used. Each of the three applications should be evaluated with a local public interest review of the limited ground water supply and the demand for use of the water for municipal and domestic uses.

Each application was processed according to standard procedures including published notice, notice to interested parties, and Water Appropriation rule 40.05 requirements (for the new appropriations). The I-84 corridor applications were discussed at a MHGWAC meeting in October, 2004 and no concerns were raised. All protests were withdrawn or resolved by stipulated agreement. Applications 61-12096 and 63-32499 propose a municipal use, so will already be used for the anticipated municipal growth in the area. Transfer application 78356 proposes irrigation use. In stipulated agreements with the protestants, the transferred rights will be subordinated to the municipal uses under applications 61-12096 and 63-32499. No public interest issues remain due to protested matters, so application processing should continue.